

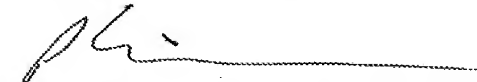
REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were pending up to the present response. Applicant has considered the Office Action dated June 23, 2009, and the referenced cited therein. Previously pending claims 1 and 2 stand rejected as obvious in view of the prior art. However, claims 3-20, while being objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, would be allowable if re-written in independent form.

Applicant notes with appreciation the identification of patentable subject-matter in claims 3-20, and has amended the claims in keeping with this indication such that claim 3 now incorporates the limitations of all parent claims and any intervening claims (claim 1), and claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled. Further, the dependencies of several claims have been amended as a clerical matter to account for the cancellation of claims 1 and 2 and the rewriting of claim 3 in independent form. As such, there are no longer any rejected claims pending, and the objection to the form of the allowable claims has been cured.

Thus Applicant respectfully requests early Notice of Allowance. If for any reason a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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